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(Case No. MBHB03-465-B (400.138))

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

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Serial No. 10/720,448

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Chemically Modified Short
Interfering Nucleic Acid

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P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir,

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:

a) Preliminary Amendment.

2. With respect to fees:

a) A fee is not required at this time.

b) Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment our Deposit Account, No. 13-2490.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 6, 2005


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks for examination on the merits.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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